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Chris Dwyer maintains control as he turns a corner during Corduroy Enduro action in Gooderham Sept. 20. The annual race attracted more than 650 riders over the weekend, competing for top billing at the event, which celebrated its 70th anniversary. *Photo by Steve Sherwood.*

Habitat, P4P all in on affordable housing

By Mike Baker

Key Habitat for Humanity and Places for People (P4P) figureheads say it will likely be years, rather than months, before a planned 35-unit affordable housing co-build is complete on Peninsula Road in Haliburton.

The two entities held an information session at the Haliburton Legion Sept. 18, confirming the non-profits will partner on the condo development. It will bring much-needed affordable housing to the community, with 20 units earmarked for Habitat's home ownership model and 15 to become P4P rentals. There will also be a commercial component.

Habitat for Humanity Peterborough and Kawartha Region CEO, Susan Zambonin, said this will be her organization's first venture into Haliburton County.

For the past couple of years, she's been actively searching for an appropriate location to stage a build. Discussions have taken place with Algonquin Highlands township over land on Hwy. 118, but the opportunity in Haliburton village came about because of Habitat's recently established relationship with P4P.

The land on Peninsula Road, fronting County Road 21, was long owned by County-based developer Paul Wilson. Through his company Harburn Holdings, he had hoped to bring multiple condo developments to the site, which was split into four lots. When the project was before

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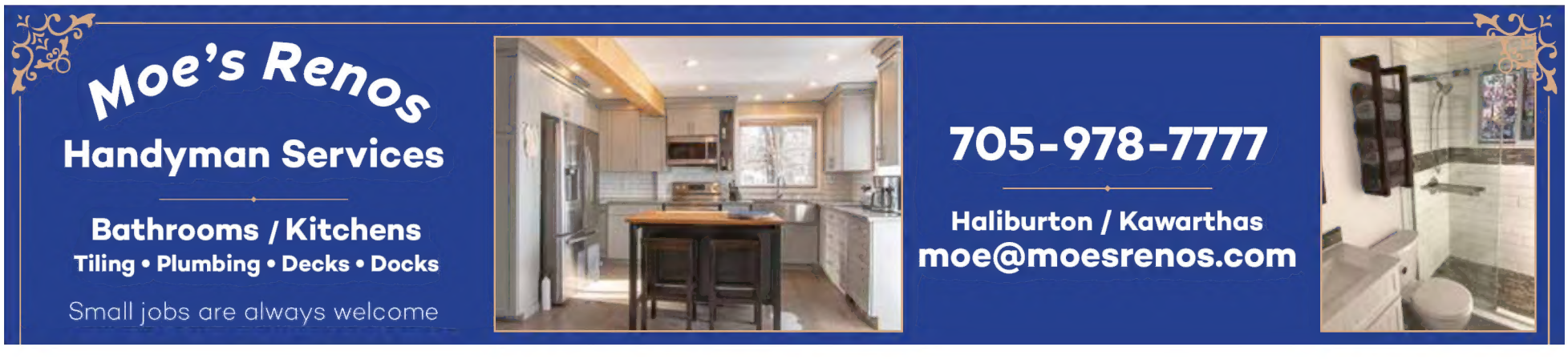

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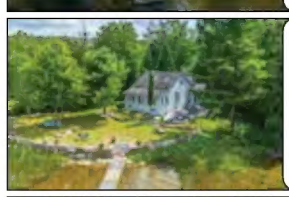

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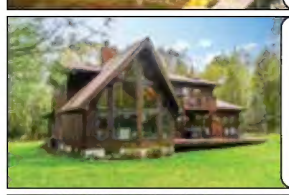

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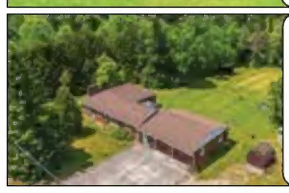

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New chief of staff at HHHS

By Mike Baker

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has appointed a new chief of staff, with Dr. Paul Faulkner assuming the role effective Oct. 1

Faulkner replaces Dr. Keith Hay, who served as the hospital's top doctor for two stints – stepping in on an interim basis in 2019 through mid-2020 before his permanent appointment in September 2023.

HHHS board chair Irene Odell said Hay brought "exceptional leadership and a deep commitment to advancing healthcare" during his time as chief of staff. She noted he played a key role in establishing a robust credentialing system for physicians, spearheaded recruitment efforts and was a "passionate advocate" for environmental sustainability.

Hay will continue to serve as a leader in local primary care, representing Haliburton interests at the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton OHT primary care leadership council.

"It has been an honour to serve as chief of staff," Hay said. "I am proud of the progress we've made together, from enhancing physician standards to fostering community partnerships. I look forward to helping strengthen primary care at HHHS and in the County."

Faulkner has been appointed on a three-year contract, Odell confirmed. He's been with HHHS since 2016 – working part-time during the summer and fall for several years, before permanently relocating to the area in the spring. He previously served as chief of staff at Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington.

Odell said Faulkner's experience and leadership qualities will help drive HHHS' strategic initiatives, particularly around master planning.

The chief of staff's other responsibilities include: acting as liaison between administration and the medical team; overseeing the quality of patient care; ensuring regulatory compliance; and facilitating physician engagement.

Faulkner said he's "thrilled" to have the opportunity to lead HHHS forward through 2028.

"The master planning efforts underway present an exciting opportunity to shape the future of healthcare in our community. I look forward to working with our talented team to deliver exceptional care and strengthen our ties to the region," Faulkner said.

HHHS new chief of staff Dr. Peter Faulkner right, pictured with his predecessor Dr. Keith Hay. *Submitted.*

Police seize $700,000 worth of illegal cannabis

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton Highlands OPP has charged two people with drug offences after officers attended an illegal cannabis grow operation on Soyers Lake Road last week.

On Sept. 26, officers from the local detachment joined the OPP's community street crime unit, tactics and rescue unit, canine unit, emergency response team and provincial joint forces cannabis enforcement team in executing a search warrant at a property in Minden Hills. They seized 2,413 cannabis plants, 20 shotgun shells and one air rifle.

Police say the street value of the cannabis is approximately $700,000.

Following an investigation, police charged 54-year-old Guo-Zhang Chen and 36-year-old Yaping Wu, both of Scarborough, with cultivating, propagating or harvesting a cannabis plant that is from seed, or plant material that is illicit cannabis.

The accused have been released and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden at a later date.

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Project challenges people to get involved in politics

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails in Algonquin Highlands, the Haliburton School of Art + Design in Dysart et al, Central Food Network in Highlands East, and The Riverwalk in Minden Hills were touted as examples of how communities and councils have worked well together in the past – during the first 'Voices and Votes' talk Sept. 16 in Haliburton.

More than 90 people, including current and former councillors, and municipal staff, as well as residents "curious about how things work," attended the session at the Haliburton Legion, according to host, Jessica Slade, of Civics with Slade, and the Haliburton Highlands Healthy Democracy Project.

"Tonight is about putting us all on the same page, creating shared conversation so we all understand how government works, and community works with it, to make us stronger," she said.

Slade founded Civics with Slade just before the last provincial and federal elections, "to make politics more accessible, especially for youth and women in rural communities."

In the first month of operation, she said they received 90,000 views, signaling gaps in the way people talk about democracy, and engage in the process.

She outlined how local government works, why it matters in the Highlands, positions up for election in 2026, and how the local community can play a part.

She noted voter turn out in the Ontario 2022 municipal election was the lowest in history – with 33 per cent of eligible voters casting a ballot, or just one in three. "That is a huge drop and a trend we really need to talk about." She further noted the rise in acclamations, where there is only one candidate, so no vote. In 2022, 32 full Ontario councils were acclaimed and 553 positions uncontested.

She said the healthy democracy project isn't just about encouraging people to run for council, but also "strengthening civic participation in all of its forms. We want to support local leadership, celebrate successful community collaborations, and give residents the tools they need to shape the future of our County, building on the great work that's already been (accomplished)."

Organizers used the app, Menti.com to allow audience members to answer questions during the presentation, providing instant feedback to Slade.

For example, one question was "have you ever considered running for local government?" with 19 per cent saying 'yes', 38 per cent 'no' and 26 per cent 'maybe'.

Asked what might move that needle, common responses were the need for mentorship or encouragement from others, better pay, and requiring less money to run a campaign.

Jessica Slade talked about communities and councils working together. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Some of the other information that came out was that the majority of the audience did not sit on a board of directors or committee but volunteered with a local organization.

Heather Reid of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, working with the project, presented the four success stories.

One example was the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails. Reid said in 2000, citizens voiced concerns about the overuse of the Frost Centre area to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Algonquin Highlands council. The municipality got a land use permit, and grant, from the MNR, with an agreement for the township to manage a registration system for backcountry camping throughout the area, creating "one of the crown jewels of our community," Reid said. They went on to oversee Poker Lake as well. The impact on the environment is now closely monitored.

"This demonstrates that what first appears as a problem can turn into an incredible opportunity and it really is a way that communities can bring ideas to the council table and collaborate and stretch that regular mode of operation box and make things happen that have a huge legacy for our community," Reid said.

Slade challenged people to get involved. "Attend a meeting, join a committee, contact your councillors, share your input."

The second talk will feature former MPs Barry Devolin (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock) and Maryam Monsef (Peterborough-Kawartha) discussing why people should get involved by running for office, supporting a political campaign, or being an informed community member. It will take place Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce.

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Condo likely to take years to complete

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Dysart et al council in 2022, he agreed to donate one lot to P4P to stage a future affordable housing build.

Zambonin confirmed last week that Habitat paid $1.2 million for the lot, with Wilson donating $500,000 of that to P4P. Because the developer, following an Ontario Land Tribunal hearing, agreed to ditch plans to bring more condos to the land overlooking Grass Lake, in favour of three single-family homes, he told *The Highlander* he could no longer afford to give his one condo-ready lot away.

So, Habitat stepped in. Zambonin said her organization will cover the full cost of construction and then sell 15 lots to P4P. Fay Martin, P4P vice president, said this will almost double the group's existing inventory of 20 rental units.

While she was unsure how much this will cost Habitat, Zambonin said the units will all be one and two-bedroom and will "likely" be priced under $400,000. Ideally, she'd like to break ground at the site next year, though warned it could be years before the project is complete.

"I hope we would be able to start sometime in 2026 – we need certain studies, consultants to prepare reports. Stormwater management is always a big one," Zambonin said. "It's the kind of stuff that can't be done at the same time, it has to be done consecutively, so it takes time."

She confirmed the property will be on a private well, though will tap into the municipal sewage system.

HCDC executive director Patti Tallman, Habitat for Humanity Peterborough and Kawartha Region CEO Susan Zambonin and Places for People vice president Fay Martin at an affordable housing project unveiling in Haliburton Sept. 18. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

How Habitat works

Zambonin confirmed the units would be made available to County residents and are designed as a "way in" to home ownership.

"These will be entry-level because we really want them to be affordable," she said.

Affordable, however, does not mean giving away – Zambonin estimates people will need a household income of around $90,000 per year to qualify.

The process begins with an expression of interest. If it looks like the candidate can afford a unit, they are invited to fill out a thorough application. Zambonin said people have to secure a mortgage through an eligible credit union and then Habitat helps out with a second mortgage.

Through Habitat's model, people never pay more than 30 per cent of their income towards housing costs – which includes insurance, condo fees and property taxes.

"We'll be hosting homeowner workshops in the future to go over how everything works, but people can start thinking about this, planning for this now, that way they're really prepared," Zambonin said.

Anyone who becomes a Habitat homeowner is required to complete 500 volunteer hours with approved partners in the community – something Martin said will give many struggling non-profits a boost.

Habitat recently completed a 41-unit development in Peterborough, which Zambonin says was built at 66 per cent of market cost – largely due to construction firms and other companies offering help and materials at a reduced rate. She hopes to tap into County-based companies to assist with this build. Thus far, Emmerson Lumber and Haliburton Timber Mart have committed support.

"We know how to build this because we've done it, but we've done it in Peterborough using Peterborough people. We don't want that here. We want Haliburton County people, but we don't know all of them. So, you guys need to tell us if you're interested and who we need to talk to," Zambonin said.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) is lending a hand, connecting different stakeholders and will be kicking in funds down the road.

"We've been working with Habitat for several years trying to get them to come to Haliburton. We're here to help in any way we can," said HCDC executive director Patti Tallman.

Speaking at last week's session, Tallman said the lack of available affordable housing has long hindered the County economy and led to labour shortages in the skilled trades, healthcare and municipal government.

Wilson follows through

After claiming several years ago that he wanted to see affordable housing built on the Peninsula Road property, Wilson said he was happy to work with Habitat and P4P to bring that goal to fruition.

"The whole idea, from day one, was to support affordable housing. I made the initial commitment to P4P… and Habitat is counting on P4P to pay for its share, so I'm happy to make this contribution. I think this is a project that will greatly benefit our community," Wilson said

He further claimed that, without his donation, the project likely would not have gone ahead. Zambonin confirmed Habitat "couldn't do it on our own" and was grateful for Wilson's support.

The money will be used to help P4P purchase the 15 units once the project is wrapped, with Martin saying the non-profit will fundraise for the remaining sum – likely millions of dollars. She said this could be the perfect opportunity to bring back the community bond model the organization utilized in 2023, raising $850,000 to pay off several loans.

"There's not a month goes by without someone asking us about community bonds, so I'd say we've got to do them again," Martin said.

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• Join us for a special screening of *Angry Inuk* (2016) at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Thursday, September 25 at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Admission is free, and all ages are welcome. No pre-registration is required. The documentary is provided courtesy of the National Film Board.

• The Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village and Nature's Place are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm until October 11. Daily drop-in programs are offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 11 am.

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

• September 25 – Regular Council Meeting
• October 9 – Regular Council Meeting

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS

Strategic plan

County councillors, Sept. 10, got an update from staff on progress on the strategic plan.

Director of planning, Elizabeth Purcell, and director of community outreach, Sue Tiffin, are leading the initiative.

The new plan will be based on an analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges (SWOC).

The two said community and stakeholder engagement had provided a strong foundation for the SWOC.

"The project is in the research and consultation stage, consolidating engagement results into key themes," they told council.

They noted there had been delays due to extended engagement, high feedback volume, and competing priorities, such as the ice storm, but felt "the additional time has strengthened the quality and inclusiveness of the process."

As for next steps, they said they would be finalizing a "what we heard" document and presenting it to council in October. Following that, they'll draft the plan, council will review it, they'll put it out for more community feedback, and council is expected to pass it next spring.

Development charges

The prospect of the County and its four lower-tier townships collecting development charges was discussed at an Aug. 27 meeting.

Peter Simcisko of consultant, Watson and Associates, addressed council.

The County first asked his firm to do a development charges background study in 2022. However, they had to do a new growth analysis report first. That is now complete.

Simcisko reminded councillors that development charges "are a mechanism to fund infrastructure expansion and upgrades needed due to development within a municipality." For example, he said as communities grow, it is expected there will be higher traffic volumes, so development charges could be collected to improve roads.

If councils are interested in collecting the charges, Simcisko outlined a process, including a public hearing.

Road salt

The County has awarded the tender for road salt for the next three years.

Windsor Salt Ltd. got the job to replenish road salt at the County patrol yards for winter maintenance.

Director of public works, Sylvin Cloutier, said the tender closed June 17 with two applicants.

He said Windsor Salt was the low bidder, at just over $2.5 million.

He noted the County joined with Peterborough County for tendering, "resulting in economics of scale."

The contract has an option of two additional, one-year periods.

He said the price was about 2.8 per cent above 2024-25.

The County of Haliburton met Sept. 10. *File.*

Pavement markings

A tender has also been awarded for the 2025 pavement marking project.

Cloutier recommended Apex Pavement Markings Inc. for the work.

He said the RFP closed Aug. 12 with five bids submitted.

He added the job is within budget.

The cost is $187,644.97, including non-recoverable tax. The County had budgeted $215,250.

Cloutier said line marking is done yearly and generally includes the longitudinal yellow and white lines, arrows, stop blocks, crosswalks and hatching.

(*County of Haliburton news* compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

Short-term rental update

The Municipality of Highlands East has hired a new short-term rental licensing clerk, with Olivia Petric joining bylaw enforcement Sept. 2.

Junior planner, Kim Roberts, said at the Sept. 9 regular council meeting that staff had been focusing on finalizing approvals for outstanding licensees. The second quarter municipal accommodation tax deadline was July 31, bringing in $11,073.23 in revenue.

Roberts said they had seven complaints in August, and have had 23 to date. "Most calls relate to unlicenced STRs," she said.

She added as the number of new applications slowed in August, staff have identified short-term rentals where there are documented stays in the last four months that are being actively advertised.

She said 29 operators were identified and final enforcement letters were sent directly to their attention requiring compliance within 10 days or they will be issued a notice of violation and administrative penalty.

They've identified 147 STRs in the municipality. Roberts said they had collected $49,000 in licensing fees and $16,404.29 from the MAT tax.

New cell tower

Council has directed staff to sign a letter of concurrence to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada for a new cell tower near Cardiff.

Rogers Telecommunications is building towers for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's cell gap project across Haliburton County.

The site is located in Cardiff, on Hwy. 118, directly south of the Bicroft landfill.

Roberts said it would be a 200-foot self-supported tower.

She noted there was public consultation via a meeting at the Cardiff Community Centre on March 18.

The junior planner added, "staff consider the site to be preferrable because it is in a low-density rural area, it is adjacent to a transportation corridor, and it is appropriately set back from the road. Staff also note that the nearest dwelling is double the distance of (a) previously considered site where the residential land use was approximately 75 metres from the tower."

She noted in her report that "improving cellular connectivity in Highlands East improves the safety and well-being of our community and makes Highlands East a more desirable community to live and work in."

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Oct. 14. *File.*

Cardiff pool a splash

Property supervisor, Jim Alden, said the Cardiff pool was "very popular" this year with swimming lessons and public swim.

The last day of operation was Aug. 23 and the last badge session was Aug. 28.

Alden added surveys were sent to parents and guardians following the completion of lessons.

He said they had 134 registrants, with 77 municipal residents and 57 non-municipal residents. There were 56 in the swimmer program, 52 in preschool, 13 in parent and tot, seven patrol and six bronze.

Getting election-ready

Highlands East, along with other County municipalities, has chosen the firm to oversee its 2026 municipal and school board elections.

Clerk Robyn Rogers recommended Voatz Canada Inc. The selected vendor is for internet and telephone voting services.

She said were three bidders, but "Voatz was selected as they were able to best demonstrate they had a wealth of experience in Ontario municipal internet and telephone elections. Their proposal and their demonstration of the online voting interface and telephone was both intuitive and easy to understand with excellent accessibility and security features. In addition, Voatz interfaces with DataFix, which is the vendor that provides service for our voter lists." She added it is cost efficient having all four townships use the same firm.

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Haliburton County wins

By Mike Baker

Last week's news that Habitat for Humanity and Places for People (P4P) are joining forces to add 35 affordable units to Haliburton County's housing supply was a slam dunk for the community.

This is the sort of project many people – from community leaders to minimum wage workers – have been crying out for, for many years. In one fell swoop, this build will significantly bolster options for those in the Highlands desperate for a roof over their head. One they can actually afford.

That's P4P's forte. Since 2007, the local non-profit has helped over 100 people avoid homelessness – including 47 adults and 56 children. Its model is a good one – they work with applicants to ensure their monthly housing costs are manageable. Founder, Fay Martin, said that has served as a springboard for seven families into homeownership.

Currently boasting 21 housing units, the additional 15 P4P will get as part of this project will be the most significant expansion in the organization's history – and will ensure it can provide the kind of hope that many people in our community desperately need in these challenging economic times.

Habitat for Humanity is renowned as a global leader in the affordable housing space. Like P4P, it ensures its clients only pay a fraction of their household income, at 30 per cent, towards housing costs. Where it differs, though, is its units are reserved for ownership rather than rentals.

The local Habitat branch has made great inroads in Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes over the years, but this is its first venture into Haliburton County. Speaking with the group's CEO, Susan Zambonin, last week, she seemed excited about expanding to the Highlands.

It's a sizeable commitment – Habitat paid $1.2 million for the lot off Peninsula Road, overlooking Grass Lake. Construction costs on a build as significant as this is almost certain to run into eight figures. A 41-unit condo development in Peterborough, completed in 2022, cost Habitat approximately $10 million.

Zambonin said that project was subsidized, significantly, by the community. With Peterborough-based construction firms and building materials stores offering reduced rates, Habitat completed the project at 66 per cent of the projected cost. She's hoping to do something similar in Haliburton County.

Emmerson Lumber and Haliburton Timber Mart have already committed support, but there are lots of other opportunities for local businesses to assist. Zambonin said the next few months will be spent identifying and meeting with prospective partners – for entrepreneurs looking to make a difference in their community, this would be a great way to do so.

Another benefit to all of this; anyone accepted to become a Habitat homeowner – yes, there's an application process, with households requiring an income of around $90,000 a year to qualify – is required to complete 500 volunteer hours with a recognized local partner. That's going to make a remarkable difference, as many non-profits and grassroots groups have been struggling to attract new helpers for years.

Martin said having a local Habitat location will also provide hope to P4P's existing residents that homeownership isn't completely out of reach.

Credit also goes to County-based developer Paul Wilson, who owned the land Habitat plans to build on. He is donating $500,000 to P4P, to help the non-profit pay for the 15 units it'll be taking on. Wilson has spoken for years about his desire to see affordable housing developed on the site – it's nice to see him put his money where his mouth is.

We know Habitat has had discussions about other sites in Haliburton County – it would be great if this build serves as the catalyst for even more projects in the future. It's a huge win for Haliburton County any time we're able to bolster our affordable housing supply.

NATURE'S CALLING

A successful hunt

By Toni Cooper

It was time for our yearly ladies' bear camp weekend in Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve with Reds Bear Hunting. Every year, this much-anticipated gathering ushers in a sense of excitement and camaraderie for our group. For many of us, it's not just an escape from our daily routines, but a cherished tradition that strengthens our bonds as friends while immersing us in the beauty of nature.

This year, however, we faced a unique twist. Despite our best efforts, we were unsuccessful at hunting a bear. Yet, as the saying goes, not all victories are measured by tangible outcomes. The true success of our weekend lay in the experiences we shared and the memories we created together in the great outdoors.

Throughout our time in the woods, we were treated to a host of incredible wildlife sightings that made our trip unforgettable. One of our friends, alone in her stand, had the extraordinary fortune of encountering a majestic owl perched in a nearby tree. For several minutes, the owl sat quietly, staring at her with its piercing eyes—a moment of stillness that felt almost magical. As if that weren't enough, she also witnessed a stunning wolf stroll within 30 feet of her stand. Imagine watching that powerful creature roam gracefully, oblivious to its audience, before it made its way down to a lakeside.

Later as she was leaving her stand, she was fortunate enough to hear it howl while it was down near the lake, the sound echoing through the trees. It was a potent reminder of the wildness of nature and the connection we all share with it.

Others in our group weren't left out of the excitement either. Many reported seeing pine martens darting through the underbrush, while the haunting calls of loons and the quacks of ducks echoed from the nearby lake. These moments of pure wilderness connected us to something so much greater than ourselves. We gathered around the campfire in the evenings, laughing and sharing our stories of the day, enveloped by the symphony of nature around us.

Success isn't solely defined by the bear we intended to hunt, but rather by the connections we forge and the laughter we share in the embrace of the wilderness

This year's ladies bear camp served as a powerful reminder that memories are forged in shared experience, laughter, and the simple joys of being together outdoors.

As we packed up to leave, we weren't just carrying our gear back home; we were taking with us the stories of awe-inspiring sights, the warmth of friendship, and the whispers of the wilderness that will stay with us long after we return to our daily lives. To me, that's what success truly is—embracing the beauty of every moment, cherishing the friendships that grow stronger, and creating lasting memories that will linger in our hearts for years to come. The countdown for next year's trip now begins.

Remember get outdoors and see what nature has to offer you.

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Disgusting debate

Dear editor,

Regarding Highlands East tightening its budget for roadworks, it seems to me that we, as taxpayers, get little enough for our taxes.

Wow, they want to discontinue the bit of service they provide to our churches. I cannot imagine why we would provide service to the properties belonging to the province, or privately-owned property, but to discontinue service to our churches and legions is disgusting to say the least.

I doubt that those individuals who want the service discontinued have considered the fact that most people who use the church parking lots are elderly, or disabled, or both.

To add insult to injury, they want to start only weeks before our first snowfall.

Thanks to our mayor, Dave Burton, and coun. Cam McKenzie for supporting the status quo. The rest of you, give your head a shake.

Chuck Viner
Gooderham

Drinking while driving... and littering

Dear editor,

Littering has become a real problem in the Highlands, especially with the influx of people in recent years, but this one is over the top.

I'm not sure if it's because beer is now more readily available at gas stations, convenience stores etc., but over the course of the summer, while taking our dog, Justice, for a walk up Sunnyside Street in Haliburton, I have retrieved dozens of beer cans along the side of the road daily.

Creemore Ale seems to be the beer of choice, and I have since put up a beer can tree and a no dumping sign, to no avail.

Not only is this, obviously, a serious issue when it comes to drinking and driving, but a sad detraction to our beautiful landscape.

Speaking of justice, I have recently made the OPP aware of this and, hopefully, they will be able to solve the problem and give us back what was previously an enjoyable and safe walk up the hill.

Dave Allen
Haliburton

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Mark Arike captured a full moon illuminating Haliburton's Head Lake.

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

A friendly face behind the meat counter

By Susan Tromanhauser

An autism diagnosis at the age of 15 didn't harm Jack Morrison's life. In fact, he says his life improved.

"I didn't need to take ADHA medication anymore." Morrison credits discontinuing the medication with the reason he became "more active" and no longer felt "emotionally numb." Eight years since diagnosis, Morrison is more active than ever.

Four years ago, he started working in the beer room at the West Guilford Shopping Centre. He organized the empties in preparation for return. He recalled the hardest part of the job was learning how to get the beer smell out. With a laugh, he blames the odour on "cottagers leaving their empties on their dock in the sun."

He proved himself capable in the beer room and quickly moved to the meat counter where he would "rather get covered in blood than beer." Morrison is happy at the meat counter. After a turn checking out jobs with an electrician and a plumber, working at the meat counter "is the most fun I've had."

Chris Chumbley, manager of the store, praises his employee, recalling a particularly busy weekend when Morrison offered to come in after his regular shift to help. Chumbley says he has "great attributes, very dedicated. And he makes us laugh."

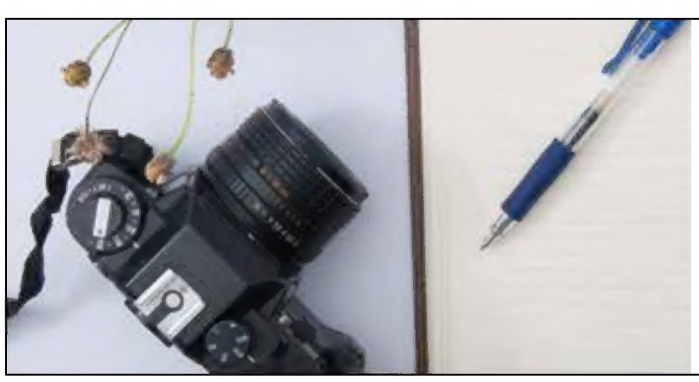
When Morrison is not working, he is very active with a range of interests. He describes his hobbies as "nerdy" but smiles widely as he describes Dungeons and Dragons and video games. He spends time with his father at a neighbour's garage where they listen to a combination of rock and country music. The weekly men's nine at Lakeside Golf also fills Morrison's schedule. "I wouldn't say I'm good (at golfing), but I try." Morrison says if you want to see a good golfer, "you should see my dad."

Morrison was born and raised in West Guilford and still lives at home with his parents. He would like to strike out on his own if he could find something affordable. But it would have to be near West Guilford. "If you can't hunt or fish, I don't want" to live anywhere else. Hunting is a family event and he also enjoys fishing on his days off. While Morrison has a very easy going manner, like many fishermen, he is vague describing his successful fishing spots. Somewhere "near Redstone" is as close as he will pinpoint.

At the still young age of 23, Morrison admits he misses "how simple high school was." He worries about paying bills; phone, rent and car payment. He also misses hanging out with some friends he lost touch with since they moved away. He is not opposed to meeting a life partner and has tried to do so on computer dating apps; but everyone he sees on the sites live too far away.

Morrison is satisfied for now; contented with his work at the meat counter, making his colleagues smile, and enjoying everything West Guilford has to offer.

Jack Morrison at the West Guilford Shopping Centre. *Photo by Susan Tromanhauser.*



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Paula Arbour sang at this year's Take Back the Night event, held in Minden Sept. 18. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

March against intimate partner violence

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Joel Imbeau shared a personal story at this year's Take Back the Night event in Minden Sept. 18.

He said that when he was a teenager, his older sister was sexually assaulted.

"Not only did I have the saddened opportunity to live that through my sister's experience, but also as a brother, and seeing my parents suffer. And, seeing the level of depression she went through for years, and the fact we had to slowly try to develop and rebuild our house and make it somewhat of a suitable living situation given my sister's trauma," Imbeau said.

He added, "experiencing that firsthand, I dedicated and devoted my life at that point to get into a position of authority where I could, hopefully, lock some of these people up and make sure that this doesn't continue.

"We can end this situation once and for all. It is going to be a struggle, but we need everyone on board to help fight it. When it comes to being an advocate against intimate partner violence, I have no time for this type of violence; none of us do at our office; we take it extremely seriously and so does the province."

Imbeau noted he has a "wonderful" working relationship with the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton, and mental health providers in the community, to help people recover, and "try to bear their traumatic incidents."

Nycole Duncan, the YWCA's women's centre and HERS manager, told the audience they have two spaces in the County for women fleeing domestic violence.

Addressing the crowd that would go on to stroll the Minder Riverwalk, she said, "there's strength in numbers. It's only through community strength that we can find solutions to community problems. The first step is showing up with compassion and excitement like you all have tonight."

Duncan said Haliburton County and Minden Hills had declared intimate partner violence an epidemic. Statistically she said the highest number of incidents occur in northern rural centres, "where we are … so this is us."

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Bowled over

There was a constant flow of traffic in-and-out of the Haliburton Legion Sept. 20 as about 300 people attended the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser, in benefit of SIRCH Community Services, the 4Cs Food Bank and Lily Ann Thrift Store. There were two sittings for people to choose from – upon arrival, folks chose their handcrafted pottery bowl, enjoyed a bowl or two of soup and kicked back to enjoy some live music. Legion president Mike Waller said it was a successful event, thanking the many volunteers, who assisted throughout the day. A fundraised total was not available as of press time. *(Mike Baker)*

Top left: Decision time for attendees, who had the chance to pick out their own personal pottery bowl to enjoy homemade soup and take home. Top right: Volunteers Teika Viducis, Laurie Brown, Barbara Fawcett, Gena Robertson and Tiffany English greeted people with a smile. Bottom right: Locals packed the Haliburton Legion for the annual fundraiser. *Photos by Steve Sherwood.*

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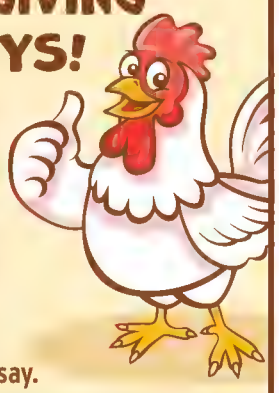

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Celebrating service

Minden Rotary celebrated another year of service to the community at its annual volunteer appreciation barbecue recently. Spokesperson Lynda Litwin said, "we had a great turn out this year and we had a great year." She said RotaryFest is growing and with the help of the "amazing" crew at Minden Auto Care, they had a record number of raffle ticket sales. "We appreciate all our volunteers that come out and help with the dinner auction, road toll, online holiday auction, golf tournament and all our events," Litwin said. "We are part of an amazing community." *(Lisa Gervais)*

Left: Betty Mark and Jocelyne Kerr at the buffet table. Right: Sally Moore publicly thanks Lori and Dennis Pennie of Minden Auto Care for their support throughout the year. *Submitted.*

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Rails End offers tour of County landscapes

By Mike Baker

Arts enthusiasts can enjoy a snapshot of Haliburton County in a new showcase that debuted at Rails End Gallery last week.

The second annual 'En Plein Air Haliburton' exhibit opened Sept. 19, featuring 67 works depicting scenes from across the Highlands. The show is a celebration of outdoor, on-location painting, said Rails End curator Laurie Jones.

A juried exhibition, 20 pieces were selected by Jones and fellow artist Rossana Dewey to be displayed at the Haliburton village gallery until Nov. 8, with the remainder featured in a virtual exhibition until Dec. 15.

"Plein air painting captures the immediacy of the moment – light, atmosphere, and the artist's personal response to the landscape," Jones said. "The jurors were delighted to see participating artists interpreting our region in so many unique and inspiring ways."

Billed as a friendly painting competition – though there were other mediums featured, such as embroidery, pastels, and sketches – Jones said this year's event was all about boosting community engagement. In the weeks leading up, would-be participants were sent regular painting prompts, while there were several in-person and virtual sessions hosted by Jones and County-based artist Dave Kerr, showing people what plein air painting is all about.

The 'En Plein Air Haliburton' exhibit winning submission by Kelly Whyte. *Submitted.*

The extra effort paid off in a big way, with Jones receiving double the submissions than last year's inaugural show.

Pieces were judged in five areas, receiving a score of one-to-five in each: composition and design; the use of light and colour; technical skills; interpretation and originality; and overall impression.

Jones said it was a difficult job narrowing down the submissions to the 20 featured finalists, with judging taking place over two days.

"We have a lot of talented artists here and I think the quality and diversity of what we received illustrated that well," she said. "There were some nice surprises – one of the submissions was done on a canvas that had been buried under a forest floor for some time before the artist brought it up and decided to work from it – there was very delicate stitchery along the layers of soil, it was really unique."

Another entry used plant matter as a natural stencil, with the artist utilizing spray paint to complete their design.

"It wasn't quite graffiti-like, but it had elements of that. The treatment of light was really excellent, it was an interesting piece," Jones said.

The best in show was Kelly Whyte's *Ritchie Falls Rumble*, a 12-by-24-inch oil painting on canvas, winning the $500 grand prize. In total, nine artists were awarded for their work.

Jones said the competition was supported by the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Haliburton County Tourism, and Martin's Framing and Art Supplies.

To see the virtual exhibit, visit www.railsendgallery.com.

Award winners

Best in Show: Kelly Whyte, *Ritchie Falls Rumble*

Haliburton County Tourism Pick: James Brown, *Caboose Bike Hub*

New to Plein Air: Donna Lockey, *Three Brothers Falls*

Best 11-by-14-inch or under: Oksana Baczynsky, *Cheong's Gooderham*

Honourable Mentions: Greg McHarg, *Trees and Reflection*; Ian Ball, *Jim Beef at Minden Farmers Market*; David Greene, *Blockade Series 2025*; Ian Varney, *Picnic*; Carole Milon, *The Land Between*.

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Landscape design that builds buzz

By Simon Payn

With fall in the air and the leaves changing colour, perhaps our minds are on the snowy winter months.

So let's imagine a glorious, sunny day and a full-sun pollinator garden instead!

I'm working on a couple of projects that fit this brief: lots of sun and clients who want colour and the buzz of bees.

Good news: It's a lot easier to design a pollinator garden when the conditions are right; not so easy to have lots of blooms when the landscape is shrouded in shade.

Indeed, there's a danger on a sunny site that there's too much going on and we end up with a cacophony (of sights as well as buzzing insects). That's why it's important to have a matrix layer - a repeating element that ties the whole thing together.

The foundation

I will choose some groundcovers as part of the matrix for a sunny site. These will help suppress weeds, which is key for a landscape that is towards the low end of the maintenance scale.

Pussytoes and Wild Strawberry are perfect for sunny sites. While slow to establish, Pussytoes creates a silvery green mat, with subtle spring flowers. In contrast, Wild Strawberry is a more airy groundcover, spreading by stealth and rewarding with little white flowers and tasty red fruit. Also joining the matrix is Prairie Smoke. This plant has it all: its leaves green up early, and in spring pale purple flowers become wispy seedheads that give the plant its name.

Also part of the matrix are taller repeating elements. For this, two grasses come to mind: Little Bluestem, which turns a glorious bronze in fall and has seeds that shine in the low light; and Side-oats Grama, which has seeds on just one side of the stem, like red and brown drops of rain. If I repeat these grasses throughout the design, the eye has something to grab onto, turning what could be a mess into something intentional.

With the matrix done, we can move onto the fun bit: the flowers! Now's the time to think of the seasons, making sure we and our insect friends have something from spring through to fall.

The furniture

Foxglove Beardtongue, with its spikes of white flowers, is a reliable start to the season. A nice side dish is Ohio Spiderwort, with its thick leaves and blue flowers. On a dry, sandy site, which we have a lot of here, Harebell makes a delicate foil, with its pale blue bell-shaped flowers.

Moving on to the heat of summer, Lanceleaf Coreopsis puts on a real yellow show. Pale Purple Coneflower is the near-native equivalent of the well-known Purple Coneflower - and who doesn't like a coneflower? As the days start to get shorter, Anise Hyssop begins blooming.

As we move into fall, we have the classic aster and goldenrod pairing. Gray Goldenrod is well-behaved and looks great amid the grasses, while Azure Aster and Heath Aster provide blue and white accents.

The structure

Finally, it's time to think of the structural layer. Some chunky perennials could work here. Butterfly Milkweed brings a splash of orange (and the orange of Monarch butterflies) and Rough Blazingstar some architectural spikes.

If the site has room for them, we mustn't forget shrubs, too. I'm a huge fan of Serviceberry - I planted two in tree form at Lucas House in Haliburton this year. Ninebark, with its larger leaves, would make a nice contrast. I recently specified a compact cultivar of this native for a site where height had to be kept on the low side.

So there we have it. A feast for the eyes and for the bees. And that's what it's all about.

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Top: Russ Wunker told the story of the Miners' Bay silver mine during a guided hike Sept. 20. Bottom: Marci Mandel encourages hikers to take a moment and appreciate nature in all of its glory *Photos submitted.*

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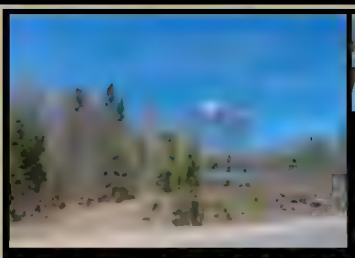

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Highlander events

On a roll

Hundreds of Highlanders got to experience one of Haliburton's most cherished fall traditions Sept. 20, as Colourfest returned to Head Lake Park. Hosted by Dysart et al township, the event ran from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and included face painting by Pockets the Clown, inflatable axe throwing and basketball, street curling provided by the Haliburton Curling Club, critter visits from Woolley Wonderland Farms, mask creation hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Museum, a classic car showcase by the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers and the popular pumpkin rolling contest on York Street, judged by Haliburton Rotary. *(Mike Baker)*

Top: Pumpkin rolling for the five-year-olds and under. Right: Kids get ready to toss their pumpkins in the six-to-nine-year-old category. *Photos by Steve Sherwood.*

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Kay and Ian Rogers at Coppertree Highlands Cottage Resort. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Highlands resort named for copper-coloured leaves

By Lisa Gervais

Coppertree Highlands Cottage Resort owners Kay and Ian Rogers moved in the day of this spring's ice storm.

Kay said they wanted to close on the former Oasis property at the end of March, thinking the snow would be gone, and there would be plenty of time to get ready for summer.

"We came and there was still three feet of snow on the ground; and then the rain came," Kay recalled.

They had two "giant' trucks and a bunch of friends helping them move. They quickly shoved everything away to avoid rain damage.

"We got up in the morning and this entire place was just solid ice. It was ridiculous" Kay said. Ian added, "everybody had to walk in pairs, just in case."

However, they were blessed that the property did not sustain much damage and power was only out for a couple of hours.

At the time, Ian thought, "if we can get through this, we should be okay."

The Rogers were living in Thorndale, just outside of London and were real estate appraisers. They also had an off-grid cabin they loved near Parry Sound.

Kay said southwestern Ontario "was just getting so busy" and Ian added the drive to the cottage was four hours on 400-series highways. They wanted to find something closer.

Initially, they looked in the Parry Sound area but could not close a deal there.

Kay jokes, "so we don't know where the resort part came into it, perhaps a bottle of wine had something to do with it, we're not quite sure, but the next thing you know, we're shopping for a resort."

They came across a listing for the former Oasis at 1190 North Shore Rd. in Algonquin Highlands.

It was August 2024 when they visited for the first time. They returned in October, at the height of the fall colours, and that was it.

Kay says, "we really like this place" and Ian adds, "this is perfect for us. It's a really nice spot because we're in this little bay. It doesn't get super busy."

Kay said the other reason they were attracted to a resort is she used to have a company called Murder for Hire. It took a dinner theatre on the road. She had a lot of actors working for the company and she and Ian hosted a lot of events for actors and their families, things like camping trips and backyard barbecues.

Enjoy hosting

"Once I sold it, we really missed the hosting, because we enjoyed it. We enjoy making sure people have what they need and that kind of thing," Kay said.

The resort has eight cabins, all named and themed, ranging from a studio to three-bedroom. The couple said they were in pretty good shape. They do want to fix up the office and get a septic and washrooms installed in the recreation hall.

With the cabins being winterized, they also plan to be year-round and capitalize on the nearby snowmobile trail.

And, then, there's the fall colours. When they came last October, they hiked the James Cooper Lookout and saw a valley full of copper-coloured trees. That, as well as the copper in their off-grid cabin, inspired the name.

So far, the summer is going well. Because Oasis did not rent publicly, they did not have a clientele per se. However, they have a website, and have had referrals from other accommodators who are booked up.

Kay said, "we really enjoy it when the place is full. We love watching the kids down there playing on the beach and in the water and using the toys."

Ian adds, "when it's a slow week, we get a little down, then the kids come and we remember why we're doing this."

They feel word is getting out. People have called in, looking for overflow when family visits, or are staying elsewhere, but interested in renting at Coppertree. Ian notes people with a history on the land also drop by.

The two have not hired summer help, so are busy – probably busier than when they were self-employed or employed by somebody else.

As for the long-term plan, Kay said they'll keep it as long as they're able.

Ian adds, "we can't see moving into a condo and just going down to the common room and playing cards, yet. We've seen so many people just retire and sit." Kay adds, "we're pretty hands on and handy … I can't imagine just retiring and not having something to do.

For more, go to https://coppertreeresort.com

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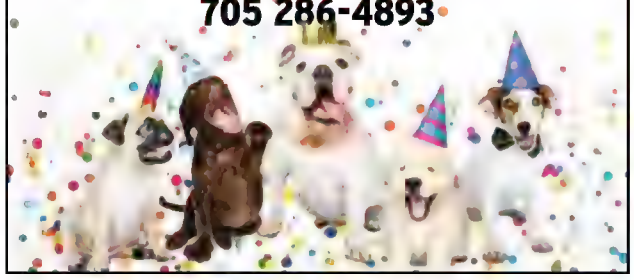
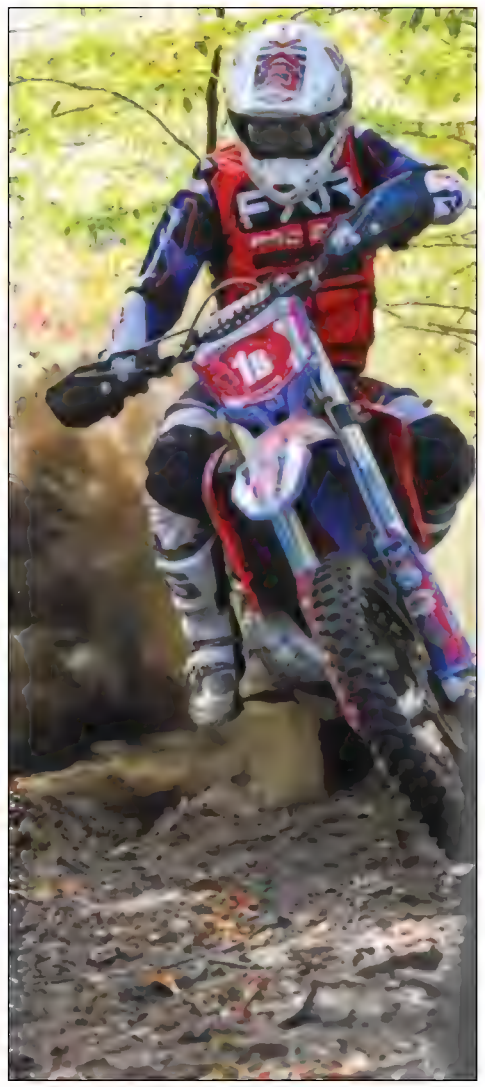


Highlander sports



Buffet of racing

Gooderham was the centre of the world for more than 650 racers this past weekend as the annual Corduroy Enduro biking event took over the town. The event has been running for 70 years, with riders from all over North America descending on County trails and racing tracks Sept. 18-21. Organizers say racers traversed the approximate 300-kilometre course to earn their share of $13,500 in pro purses. As well as the E-Enduro and E-MTB Enduro events, the weekend also featured a youth enduro, vintage enduro and vintage show and shine. *(Mike Baker)*

Right: Rider Brian Duggault sends dirt flying as he rips around a corner. Bottom centre: Tyler Medaglia maintains his balance as he turns through a bend. Top centre: Lucas Cambareri accelerates down a straight stretch. Top right: Courtney Gregory leans into a turn. *Photos by Steve Sherwood.*

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McKechnie recalls moment in time

By Mike Baker

Walt McKechnie was flicking through a Saturday morning edition of the *Toronto Star* recently when he saw a familiar face grimacing back at him. It was his own, in a photo taken more than 40 years ago at the height of the Dysart et al deputy mayor's National Hockey League career.

The Sept. 7 edition of the newspaper featured a commemorative story about Ken Dryden, the Hockey Hall of Fame goaltender and two-term Member of Parliament, who passed away Sept. 5.

One of the photos used to accompany the piece depicts a then-31-year-old McKechnie going head-to-head with Dryden, sprawled on the floor and reaching for the puck, which appeared to be on tip of the Leafs forward's stick.

"I had that picture up on the wall at McKeck's for years when I owned the place," McKechnie told *The Highlander* during a recent interview. "What a great player, goaltender and human being he was."

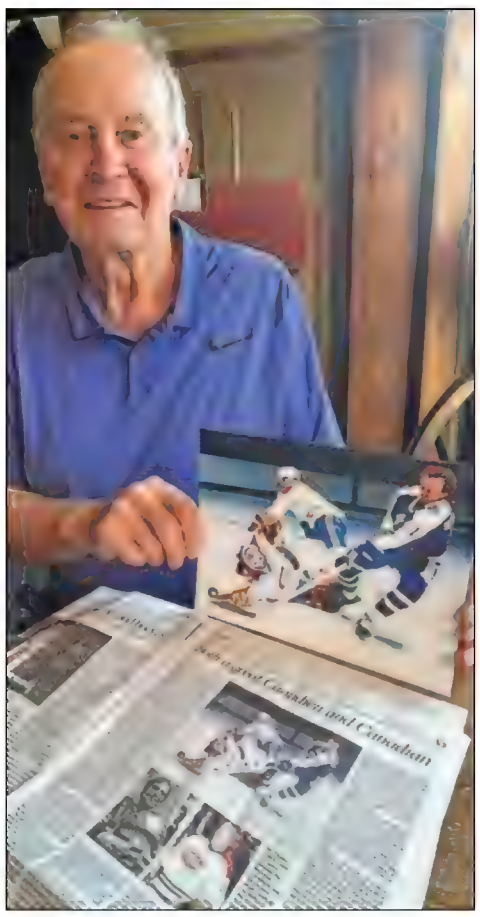
For years, McKechnie told his patrons that he'd scored on the play – one of many times he bested Dryden, who won six Stanley Cups in nine seasons playing for the Canadiens between 1971 and 1979.

That was until, one day, one of his regulars arrived for his usual nightcap armed with an important piece of information – the game that photo was taken in, Game 4 of the Stanley Cup semi-finals, played May 9, 1978, ended 2-0 Montreal.

"I just smiled and said, 'you son of a gun'," McKechnie said. "Of course, I knew I hadn't scored. But looking at the picture, with Ken down and the puck right there, most people assumed I'd knocked it in. But he was something else, the way he could move and the saves he could make, he was second to none."

Dryden retired in 1979, aged 30, and while he doesn't have the longevity of other NHL all-time great goaltenders, McKechnie still considers the Hamilton native one of the best to ever do it.

"I played against him all through that 70s dynasty – he was so great on that team. He was the wall they needed for that type of an offensive team, the foundation to all those cup wins," McKechnie said. "There are a lot of greats – Johnny Bower, Jacques Plante, Terry Sawchuk, Turk Broda, Jerry Cheevers, but Ken would be very near the top of the list because of all the Stanley Cups he won."



Walt McKechnie faced off against Montreal Canadiens goaltender Ken Dryden dozens of times during his National Hockey League career. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Asked what made Dryden so special, McKechnie said it was his poise and demeanour, which he said never changed.

"He was so calm – some goalies are fidgety, bouncing around and constantly have their head on a swivel. But Ken would just stare you down. He was a big, tall man and there was a bit of an intimidation factor there because he'd make saves that you just didn't think were possible," McKechnie said.

Despite his mountainous appearance, McKechnie said Dryden was always a gentleman – both on the ice and off it. While he didn't know him well, he'd routinely bump into him at charity functions, noting people were naturally drawn to him.

"I had a lot of respect for him, and I was so honoured the *Star* chose to use that picture. I don't know why they picked it, because there sure would have been a heck of a lot to choose from," McKechnie said.

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Huskies forward Alex Rossi battles for the puck in the team's 5-4 defeat against the St. Michael's Buzzers in Minden Sept. 20. *Photo by Steve Sherwood.*

Huskies lose four in a row

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies extended its winless streak to four games this past weekend, dropping back-to-back decisions to the Trenton Golden Hawks and St. Michael's Buzzers.

The blue and white had a tough night Sept. 19, losing 6-1 to the reigning Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) champions on the road in Trenton before giving up a 3-0 lead on home ice Sept. 20, en route to a 5-4 overtime defeat against St. Mike's.

The results leave the Huskies in ninth place in the OJHL East Conference, though head coach Jordan Bailey said it's too early for fans, or the team, to panic – noting he saw lots of positives across the two games.

The team has also had to contend with several untimely injuries, with five players absent over the weekend.

"It's been a tough stretch – we played the last game with 11 forwards and five defensemen, so we've kind of caught the injury bug. But there have been positive spells in every game, things have flipped on one mistake and [snowballed from] there. But we'd rather have this adversity six games in, rather than going into the playoffs," Bailey said.

"We like our group, we feel there's enough here to work with. Now it's about executing and starting to get a few wins," the head coach added.

Trenton 6-1 Huskies

The Huskies went into the lion's den on Friday and were mauled in the opening frame, with Trenton racing out to a 3-0 lead courtesy of an early Taeo Artichuk goal and Jack Ziliotto brace.

Goaltender Stephen Toltl had a busy first period, making 10 saves to give the Huskies a glimmer of hope heading into the second.

That hope was all but extinguished 2:49 in, with Jamie Darlison converting on the powerplay after Kaiden Thatcher took a two-minute slashing minor.

The Huskies grew into the game as the period went on and got themselves on the board at 7:07, with 16-year-old forward Julius Da Silva helping himself to his first goal of the season, assisted by Ryan Gosse. That was as good as it got for the hometown team, who gave away two more goals in the third.

"It was a tough start for the team – I felt like we didn't execute in the first period and started really slowly against a very good Trenton team. Anytime you get behind the eight ball against them, it's going to be tough to claw your way back into the game," Bailey said.

He was pleased with the team's response in the second, where the Huskies outshot Trenton 13-10.

"That was a good push back and shows that we can compete with these top teams," he said.

Huskies 4-5 St. Mike's

There was a sense of déjà vu on Saturday as the Huskies struggles to stay out of the penalty box, giving up four powerplay goals to the Buzzers – including the game-winner deep into double overtime.

The home side enjoyed a perfect start to the game, finding themselves 3-0 up midway through the second thanks to a Kieran Raynor goal and Ryan Gosse pair. But an Ivan Mentiukov slashing penalty changed the game, with St. Mike's converting on the man advantage. It was a similar story two minutes later, with the Buzzers making it a one-goal game seconds after Luis Sturgeon took a holding minor.

Alex Rossi converted on the Huskies third powerplay opportunity with just seven seconds remaining in the second, assisted by Carter Petrie and Jacob Smith, giving the home side something to hang on to going into the final frame.

Caiden Clair made things close again, beating Toltl 3:26 into the third before Lucas Lagoutte netted on another powerplay opportunity at 8:02. Clair secured the win for St. Mike's 2:22 into the second overtime period, once again on the man advantage after Connor Hollebek was called for tripping.

"That just can't happen – we've talked about it a lot in the room over the past week. That's a major issue we need to clean up as a team," Bailey said. "That was a game we had control of, and we let it slip away."

The Huskies have a chance to get back on track this Saturday when they host the Caledon Admirals. Puck drop is 4 p.m.

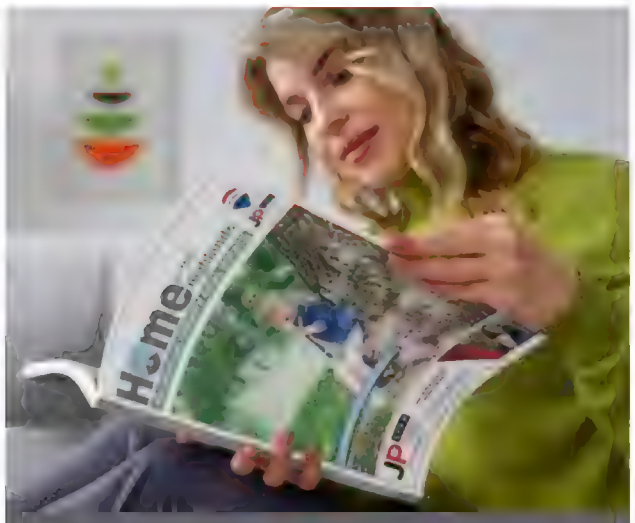
"That's a game where you can change the momentum of a team. Caledon is a team that's playing very well, so it'll be a good test – hopefully we can get some good support from the fans and get a win," Bailey said.

Highlander sports

For the love of the game

The Minden Mixed Baseball League held its end-of-year tournament this past weekend – with 12 teams and more than 200 players taking to the ball diamond behind S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena for games Sept. 19 and 20. There were smiles all around as players locked horns for the final time this season. *(Mike Baker)*

Top: The Brew Jays captured the A championship, securing the Arnold Cowen Memorial Trophy. *Photo submitted.* Centre left: the batter wallops the ball. Centre: Colby Coumbs makes the catch just ahead of Brandi Hewson, with Jarrett Rowden covering behind. Centre right: Tyler Martin reaches for the ball as Jeff Harrison makes his way to base. Bottom left: Owen Gilbert throws a ball from the outfield. Bottom right: Second baseman Scott Danilko makes the catch to run Kirk Smith out. *Photos by Steve Sherwood.*



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Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month, ladies auxiliary meeting last Thursday of the month.

Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards. 50/50 draw at 5 p.m., tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom. Beginning July 4, board games for seniors from 10 a.m. to noon.

Saturdays: Open only for special events
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Sunday: closed, special events only

EVENTS

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Sept. 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Haliburton Curling Club invites adults 18 and over to a 'try curling' event at the club, located at 730 Mountain St. in Haliburton. Come and experience one of Canada's favourite winter games. No experience necessary. Instruction will be provided. Visit www.haliburtoncurlingclub.com for more information.

Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to noon Join author Susan Garrod-Schuster for an engaging talk about her book, Biography of a Woman – A Journey Through the Self. This powerful true story follows Chau, a Vietnamese woman who fled her homeland as a refugee and rebuilt her life in Canada. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Held at the Dysart library in Haliburton Village. Registration preferred. Call 705-457-2241 or email programs@haliburtonlibrary.ca to register.

Sept. 27, The 2025 Fall Colours Fly-In will take place at the Stanhope Municipal Airport from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pilots are welcome to camp overnight on site the evening of Sept. 26. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 28. The Stanhope Municipal Airport is located at 1168 Stanhope Airport Rd.

Sept. 29, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The 29th annual Hal High Terry Fox Run/Run and White Day. To date, HHSS has raised over $119,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. The goal this year is to raise $4,000 or more. Donate online at school.terryfox.ca/107771.

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Oct. 4, 7 to 9 p.m. Keith Kirkpatrick is performing in a pay-what-you-can event at the Kinmount Community Centre, with proceeds supporting the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation. Reserve tickets by contacting Yvette at 705-488-2282.

Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Wilberforce FUNraising committee is hosting a free clothing swap at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre. Clothing must be clean and in good condition. Clothes can be dropped off Oct. 3 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Clothing is free – there will be something for everyone.

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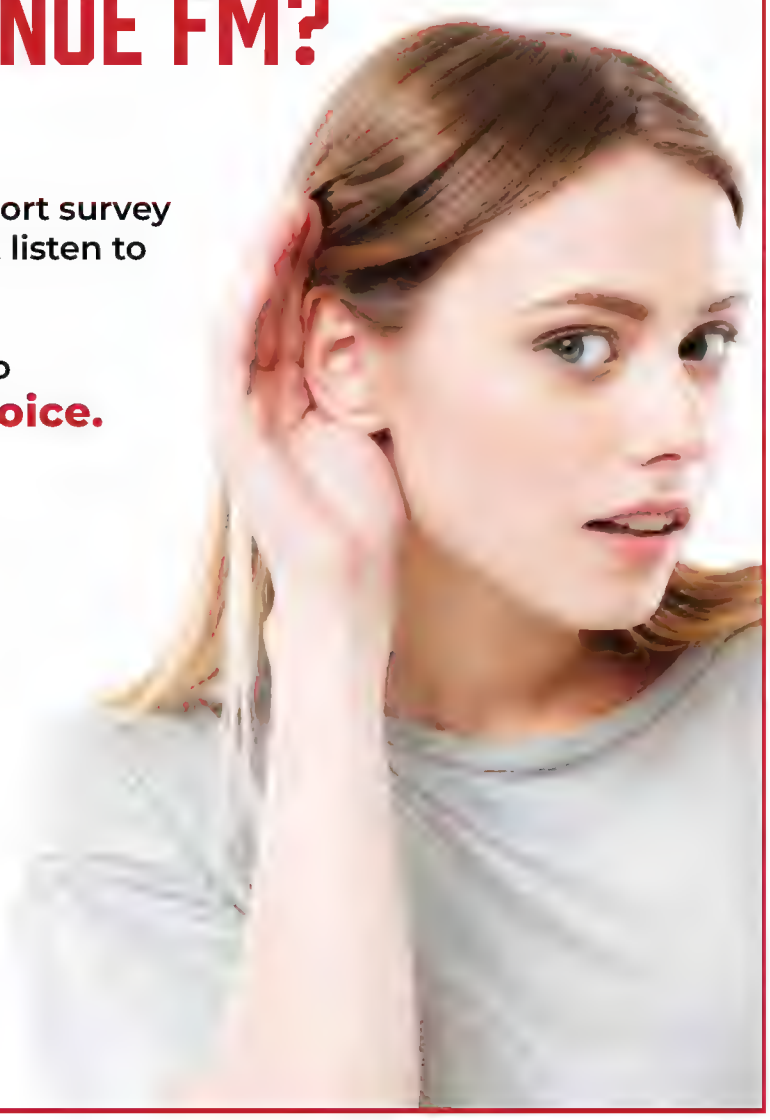

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Carman Coumbs outside the 137-year-old Essonville Historic Church. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Keeping sense of Essonville's history

By Mike Baker

It's been 56 years since the decommissioning of the Essonville Anglican Church, but Phil O'Reilly believes the local landmark still plays a vital role in the community.

While other staples of the hamlet have faded into history, the old church building - now named Essonville Historic Church – remains as the sole reminder of the farming and logging community that thrived from the early 1870s into the mid-to-late 1900s.

"This is the history of Essonville. There's not a whole lot left in terms of buildings – the old schools, the post office, the store, they're all gone," said O'Reilly.

He's one of about a dozen people actively working to keep the structure's spirit alive. Now owned by Highlands East township, it's considered a community space – one that people can rent for weddings and other private functions.

It recently reopened, hosting a Decoration Day event in August - following a $82,300 foundation repair covered by the township.

"There were all sorts of conversations last year – what was the need for the church? What's its purpose? Some were really pushing for [it to be demolished], turn the space into a monument… but this is like the last thread of what this place once was," O'Reilly said. "That's the kind of history that should be maintained."

The congregation – the first in Monmouth township - was established in 1888 after Rev. Arthur Watham purchased a 100-acre property off what is now Essonville Line. The building was constructed using three pine trees sourced from a nearby forest, which were milled at the Dunford sawmill at Lake Brigadoon.

The church's pews were moulded from the same lumber, while the original bell and stained-glass windows were imported from England.

"It was the hub of the community for a lot of years," said Carman Coumbs, who has been visiting the church his entire life. He was baptized there in 1950 and recalls attending dozens of nuptials and funerals, communions and Easter services.

As work at the 12 sawmills that once served the area dried up, people moved away, and attendance dropped. By the mid-1960s, there was only a handful of regular parishioners, Coumbs recalled. After the Anglican Church of Canada opted to close the site in 1969, Coumbs said he, his mother, father and two sisters were the only people in attendance for its final service – led by the site's last minister, Church Army Capt. R. Sims.

Back in its heyday, the building was only open for half of the year, Coumbs said.

"You couldn't heat it enough for people to stay there, so we'd go from house to house for services. Folks would take turns hosting – I remember us having lots at the farm. But, slowly but surely, interest went away," Coumbs noted.

O'Reilly has strong ties to the building, too. His in-laws, Larry and Ruth Strong, were the last couple to be married there, in 1965, before it ceased to be a church; while he and his wife, Kelly, said their 'I dos' in the striking white building in 1993.

It's been a lot of work maintaining the site, Coumbs said – in the 1980s, it took five years to raise enough money to replace several broken stained-glass windows.

"That's how the committee that oversees the church today was formed," Coumbs noted, with the start-up group boasting six members.

Since then. The exterior of the building has been repainted three times, the interior plaster repaired and repainted, the steel roof painted, organ pump and belfry rebuilt, propane heating installed, and new parking lot and walkway constructed.

The committee is looking for new members – it meets four times per year and takes charge in organizing the annual Decoration Day and Christmas concert. Anyone interested in helping can contact O'Reilly at essonville17@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED SHARED TOWER INC., TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER
3175 HADLINGTON ROAD, TORY HILL, ON K0L 2Y0

SUBJECT:

- Type: 90m guyed style tower
- Location: 3175 Hadlington Road, Tory Hill, ON (coordinates: 44.904026,-78.238923)
- Legal Description: LT 17 CON 1 MONMOUTH; LT 17-18 CON 2 MONMOUTH EXCEPT H178198, H206721; HIGHLANDS EAST
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In Loving Memory of

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Beloved wife of Clare, dear mother of Chantel and Nan to Logan, Ben, Mya and Read. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Haliburton Hospital and the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie.

It was Donna's wish for cremation and no service.

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In Loving Memory of

Jaqueline "Jackie" Henselwood
(nee Grant)

Passed away peacefully at Toronto General Hospital on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at the age of 78.

Beloved wife of John, predeceased by her daughter Leanne Henselwood. Loving grandma to Michayla Garcia of California, John Henselwood of Ottawa and Donald Travis of Orillia. Dear sister of Lynda Hill (James) of Halls Lake, Cindy Kenny of Dieppe, N.B. and sister-in-law of Ronald Henselwood (Laura)of Halls Lake and predeceased by sister-in-law Dianne May (Dwight). Fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

It was Jackie's wish for cremation and a Celebration of her Life will be take place at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Kidney Foundation (cheques only) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario KoM 2Ko.

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In Loving Memory of

Randy Kenneth Mawbey

Passed away peacefully at home in Wilberforce on Saturday, September 20, 2025, in his 68th year.

Beloved son of the late Jack and Alma (nee Gibson) Mawbey. Randy is survived by his brother-in-law Bill Henning, by his sisters-in-law Laura Mawbey and Anne Mawbey. Predeceased by his siblings; Emily (Gord), Don (Besse), Shirley, Norma, Jack Jr. and Fred. Lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Randy loved nature and enjoyed watching the many birds and deer that frequented his backyard. He truly missed his long haul travel partner "Coffee."

In keeping with Randy's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Graveside Committal Service and Interment will be held at Essonville Cemetery at a later date.

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In Loving Memory of

William James Campbell Moore

In his 87th year, Jim passed away peacefully on August 29, 2025 at his home in Muskoka, Ontario.

Beloved son of the late William Campbell and Audrey May Moore, and cherished brother of Rosemary. He will be fondly remembered as a devoted uncle to Bruce, Laura, and Dan Bombier and as a grand-uncle to Piper Bombier.

Jim enjoyed a distinguished 33-year career with the Township of Algonquin Highlands, retiring in 2005. A proud member of North Entrance Masonic Lodge No. 463 in Haliburton, Ontario, he served as Master in 2011. He was also a 32° member of the Scottish Rite and an active member of the Algonquin Shrine Club.

An avid outdoorsman, Jim loved fishing and hunting. He was also an accomplished country musician, well known for his talent on both the pedal steel and dobro guitar.

Jim will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him.

A Masonic Funeral Service followed by a Memorial Service to Celebrate Jim's Life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario, KoM 2Ko on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 12:00 pm.

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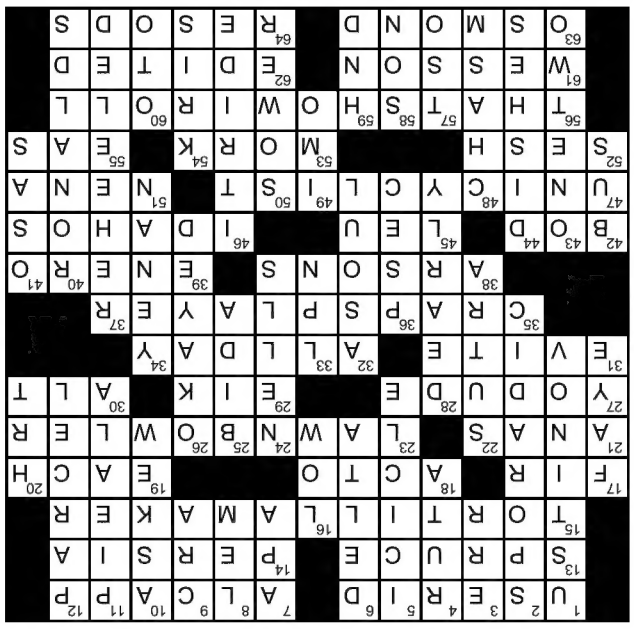

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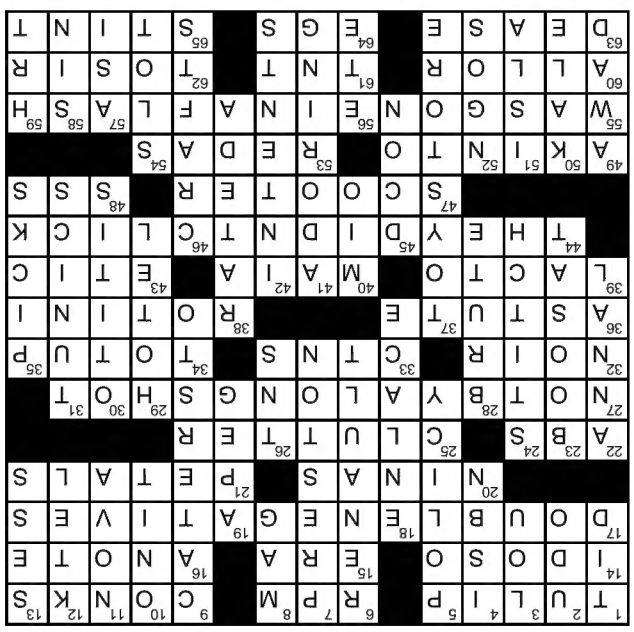

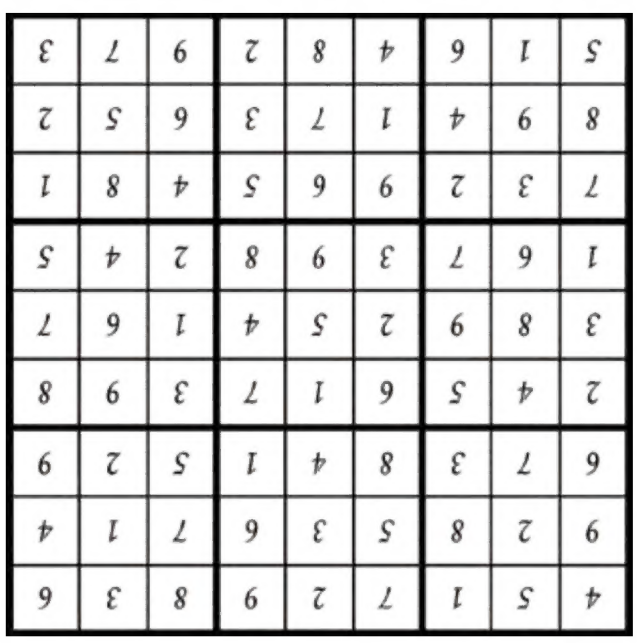

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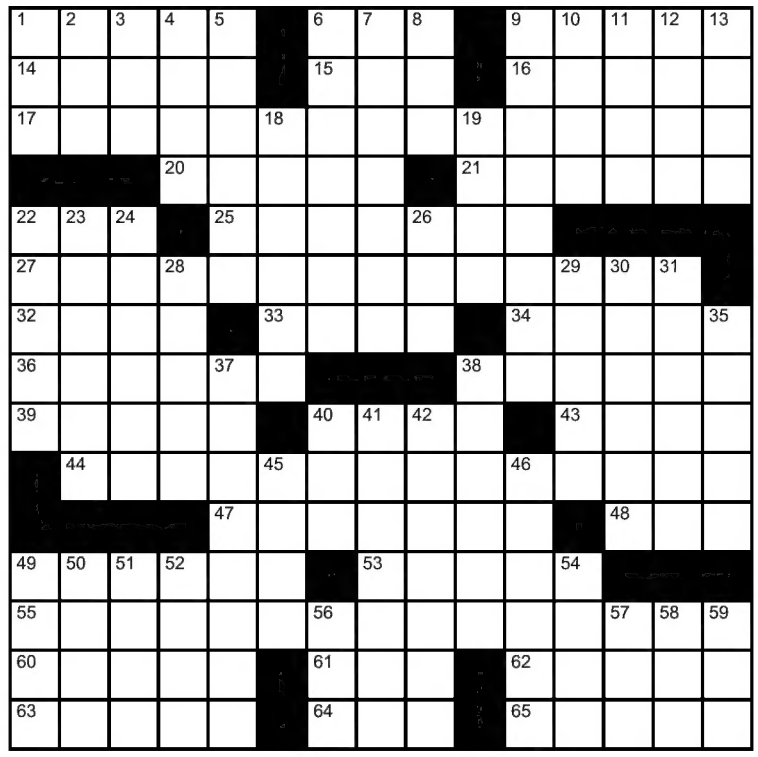

Across

1 The Netherlands' national flower
6 Times around: Abbr.
9 Goes kaput, with "out"
14 Retort to a skeptic
15 Pitcher's stat
16 Make ___ of (keep in mind)
17 Dark room dupes?
20 Spanish girls
21 Plucked parts of daisies
22 ___ of Steel, workout routine
25 Marie Kondo's bane
27 Tip on doing closeup photography?
32 Colour in a mot croisé
33 Egg holders: Abbr.
34 Do a tally, in Britain
36 Quick to learn
38 Spiral pasta
39 Word form for "milk"
40 Goddess for whom a month is named
43 Suffix with synth- and sympath-
44 Why the slow photographers missed taking the picture?
47 Skateboard with handlebars
48 Sizzling sound
49 Similar in nature
53 ___ a beet (clearly embarrassed)
55 Took off while the cameras were snapping?
60 "It's ___ nothing"
61 It might move mountains
62 "___ with Love" (Poitier film)
63 B.C.'s ___ Lake, last town before the Alaskan Hwy.
64 For-instances: Abbr.
65 Brief army tour

Down

1 Thrice, on an Rx
2 Japanese salad veggie
3 First baseman Gehrig
4 Publication ID
5 Insurance document
6 Le Car producer
7 Reform Party co-founder Manning
8 Small periodical?
9 Waits on hand and foot
10 "Get ___!" ("Hop to!")
11 "New", in a province name
12 "Canadian Mint" and "Disco Fever" record co.
13 Zoom meeting, for short
18 Weave together
19 Knock down ___ (abase)
22 Yearly historical record
23 Pelts with verbal rotten tomatoes
24 Part of a baseball line
26 Cities, but smaller: Abbr.
28 Caesar's traitor, to Caesar
29 Airbnb alternative
30 Earache ailment
31 Wardrobe pieces for Robin Hood
35 They get the kinks out?
37 Where "Santa" really gets his presents
38 High-quality, as bonds
40 My, in Milano
41 Like an idol worshipper
42 Purposes partners
45 Mousetrap brand
46 Etsy items
49 Lots of, as money
50 Crinkly salad green
51 Minorca, to Manuel
52 Oxfam and Unicef, for two
54 Schedule, with "in"
56 Beach season, in Beauce
57 "Just __ thought"
58 ID needed for E.I.
59 Popular menopause treatment, briefly

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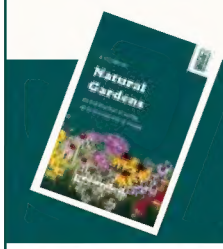

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